

Interview Summary

Person(s) Interviewed: Ron Curry, Regional Administrator, Region 6

Interviewers: Mary Kay Lynch (by phone), Allyn Stern (by phone)

Date: December 02, 2015

Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am MST

Ron Curry was interviewed on December 02, 2015, as part of an EPA led After-Action review of the Agency’s response to the release at Gold King Mine in Colorado on August 5, 2015.

Synopsis of interview

General Observations and Recommendations.

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Notification

- First learned of release by phone call from Joan Card on the evening of Thursday, August 6, 2015. He was told that Region 8 had contacted Sam Coleman and Carl Edlund earlier in the day.
- Ron contacted Ryan Flynn, New Mexico Environment Department Secretary that evening (Aug. 6). *New Mexico had been notified first by Southern Ute tribe. Secretary Flynn still brings up late notification. (b) (5) DPP*

Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command/Unified Area Command Structure & Agency Coordination

- Ron went to Farmington with David Gray on August 11 through August 13-14. David Gray returned the week of the 15th to assist with the communication strategy.

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Public Information and Communications

- Ron spoke to Ryan Flynn every day throughout the weekend after the release occurred.

